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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1299

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RENUNCIATION US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

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1. IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS NEEDED ON HOW MILITARY GROUP
SHOULD PROCEED IN FACE OF REUNCIATION OF US MILITARY
ASSISTANCE BY GOES. PLEASE NOTE ESPECIALLY THAT FONMIN SAID
WORDING OF GOES NOTE LEFT VAGUE, THAT IN GOES
VIEW QTE MILITARY COMMANDERS ON BOTH
SIDES COULD WORK OUT DETAILS UNQUOTE, AND THAT I TOLD HIM
I WOULD INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT OF USG REACTION TO THE NOTE
WHEN RECEIVED.
2. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MILGP COMMANDER TO SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES
ON CURRENT PROGRAMS UNTIL INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON,
BUT THAT, IF MINDEF OR CHIEF OF STAFF ASKED HIM TO COME IN,
TO LISTEN TO WHAT HIS INTERPRETATION OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS
MEANT AND REPORT, BUT MAKE NO COMMENT, SUGGESTION OR COMMITMENT
ON OUR PART. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD TAKE GOES NOTE AT FACE VALUE,
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SUSPEND ALL ACTIVITIES EXCEPT INTERNAL HOUSEKEEPING, AND DECIDE
WHAT OUR POSITION SHOULD BE, FOR INSTANCE, IF GOES MILITARY
REALLY WANTS ONLY PARTIAL RENUNCIATION OF THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE.
3. SALVADORAN MILITARY HAS ALREADY QTE POSTPONED UNQTE
CLASS THIS AM ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT TO HAVE
BEEN GIVEN BY SOUTHCOM OFFICERS. MILGP WAS THIS AFTERNOON TO
HAVE GIVEN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXTS TO OFFICERS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND

ARTILLERY ADVANCED COURSE IN US AND I HAVE DIRECTED
THAT THIS ALSO BE QTE POSTPONED UNQUOTE.

4. MILGP COMMANDER FEELS THAT PROGRAMS ALREADY APPROVED AND FUNDED,
SUCH AS FY 77 IMET REPEAT IMET SHOULD CONTINUE AS USUAL UNTIL
DETAILS WORKED OUT WITH SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT FOR FUTURE OF MILITARY
ASSISTANCE.

5. IT MAY BE TRUE, AS SOME HERE HAVE SPECULATED, THAT
GOES TOOK THIS ACTION TO IMPRESS US CONGRESS AND SALVADORAN PEOPLE
AND THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE NOW ACCOMPLISHED WITH WIDESPREAD MEDIA COVER
AGE,

INCLUDING FROM VOA THIS MORNING, BUT I READ NOTE CATEGORICALLY.
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOES WILL
PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO CLARIFY EXACT STATUS OF
OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS, PROGRAMS AND THE MILGP
ITSELF, BUT FIRST WE NEED TO ANALYZE OUR OWN INTERESTS AND OBJECT-
IVES IN WHAT MIGHT COME NEXT.

6. AT SPECIAL STAFF MEETING THIS MORNING I INSTRUCTED THAT ALL
AMERICAN PERSONNEL BE TOLD THAT IF ANYONE INQUIRES OF THEM ABOUT
THE GOES ACTION SIMPLY CONFIRM THAT A NOTE RENOUNCING MILITARY
ASSISTANCE WAS RECEIVED AND HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED
TO WASHINGTON. NOTHING ELSE. HOWEVER, USIS IS SENDING UP REPORT
BY BEEPER, FOR VOA USE, TAKEN MAINLY FROM LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNT OF
GOES ACTION INCLUDING TEXT OF OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. USIS ALSO
SENDING IMMEDIATE USINFO WITH SPANISH TEXT OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
WITH ENGLISH LEAD, Q.V. (SAN SALVADOR 1297).

7 INSTRUCTIONS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATE ON TEXT
OR CONTENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR OTHER RESPONSE, IF
ANY, THAT I SHOULD SEND NOW TO THE FONMIN NOTE.

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